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**Friday,**

*2nd April, 1937.*

*20th Meenam, 1112.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. C. Iyyukutty, K. T. Mathew, C. P. Lonappan, Shabdai S. Koder, R. Viswanathan Chettiar, H. J. Walmesly, and Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon were absent.

## Questions and Answers.

### Unrepresented Communities—Appointments of.

**301. Mr. K. M Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in pursuance of their promise "The matter will be considered" to the suggestion made by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan in the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee, dated 16th Karkadagam 1109, that 75 per cent of the appointments in the State should hereafter be given to the un-represented communities as is done in Mysore ?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—A Staff Selection Board has been constituted and definite rules for recruitment have been laid down.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Is the Staff Selection Board working in such a way as to award 75 per cent of the

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total appointments to members of the un-represented communities?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—A percentage has been fixed for each of the several communities and they are working according to that percentage.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—How is, Sir, the answer relevant to the question that has been put?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—The statement referred to by the Hon'ble Member is at page 193 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of 1111. "Mr. Ezhuthassan suggested that the consideration shown by the Government in the matter of giving appointments to the unrepresented communities ought to be still more liberal. The Mysore Government has adopted a new system to ensure the representation of the unrepresented communities in service. There 75 per cent of the appointments is hereafter to be given to the unrepresented communities. Such system may be followed here also. The matter will be considered." The answer of Government is 'will be considered'. In fact, the Proceedings constituting the Staff Selection Board begin with the words "The question of standardisation of the methods of recruitment to the public service in Cochin has been much discussed of late both in and outside the Legislative Council". It is in pursuance of a demand made in the Legislative Council that the scheme was inaugurated by Government and all relevant factors were then considered by Government.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—The statement 'the matter will be considered' is generally interpreted to mean that the matter will be sympathetically considered.

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—It has been sympathetically considered.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—If it was sympathetically considered my objection stands that the issue of awarding 75 per cent has not been covered by the answer under reference.

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—It is a question of degree.

**302. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Adverting to the official report of the Standing Finance Committee, dated 16th Karkadagam 1109, namely, "Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan suggested that the consideration shown by the Government in the matter of giving appointments to the un-represented communi-

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ties ought to be still more liberal. The Mysore Government had adopted a new system to ensure the representation of the unrepresented communities in service. There 75 per cent of the appointments is hereafter to be given to the un-represented communities. Such a system may be followed here also". "The matter will be considered", will the Government state.—

(a) what they have done in response to their assurance under reference ;

(b) why a similar question as above, admitted with about full three months' notice, has not been answered during the Legislative Session, 1111 of this Hon'ble House ?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) Vide answer to question No. 301.

(b) Because the matter was then under consideration.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Was not, Sir, an assurance given on the floor of this House that the, proportion kept up by the Staff Selection Board regarding the lower grades of service would be followed in the matter of appointments to the higher division also ?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—As far as I know, no such assurance has been given.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—When a resolution was moved by the Hon'ble Member Mr. Krishnankutty was it not stated that although those appointments were not within the purview of the Staff Selection Board still as a matter of policy Government would be following the same proportion ?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—No such statement was made. The statement made was to the effect that efficiency was the sole criterion in appointments to the higher division, but, other things being equal, efforts would be made to redress any grave inequalities in communal representation.

## Staff Selection Board—recommendations accepted by Government.

303. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of candidates selected by the Staff Selection Board ;

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